

RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Watchung Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:32 pm by Bill Jacques, Chairman of the Recreation Commission who determined the meeting had been called in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 20:4-6 et seq. Notice of this meeting was given by annual notice to the official newspapers, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

L. Monetti (P); B. Jacques (P); C. Zaikov (A); D. Mobus (P); J. Pennett (A); M. Onuska (P); M. Weber (P); C. Taylor (A); M. Candiloros (P); A. Murad (P);

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 M. Onuska second the motion.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: See Attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Summer Camp Registration Forms

Oath of Office – A. Murad

Updated Contact Information

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

L. Monetti reported that 48 students are currently registered in the Summer Camp and that it is now open to the WHRHS sending district.

The Commission discussed future trips for the “Kids Night Out” program. M. Candiloros mentioned the students had a great time at the “Sky Zone” in Springfield. The Commission agreed since the first program was cancelled and the second trip planned did not have registrations until the last minute that we would not run another program this spring but try again next year.

L. Monetti mentioned the Yankee Game tickets have been purchased and will be available for purchase through the Borough's website Pay Pal account.

REPORTS OF CHAIRPEOPLE: NO REPORTS

Recreation Basketball
Boys Traveling Basketball
Somerset County Activities

Special Events
Girls Traveling Basketball
Adult Basketball

Volleyball
Tennis

NEW BUSINESS:

L. Monetti reported the Summer Camp staff is in place and that two students would be available as alternates when needed.

L. Monetti mentioned that there was coverage for what was being offered at the Community Picnic as volunteers were in place for set up, popcorn, cotton candy, pizza, beverages and the hot dogs.

The Commission discussed movie choices for the "Movie Night" event. L. Monetti mentioned the date would most likely be September 7th which is the first Friday after school starts and the date the PTO likes to hold the "Ice Cream Social". No date has been set.

L. Monetti mentioned that Martoccia Landscaping sent an invoice to treat the Summer Camp area at Brook Hill for 4 treatments of cedar oil a natural tick and flea formula. Since the camp is only in operation for two months the Commission voted to have the camp area treated twice and to use the other two treatments at Mobus Field. All were in favor.

Capital Budget Ideas;

M. Onuska suggested adding the cleanup at Camp Endeavor to the capital budget.

D. Mobus suggested putting in a dog park at Best Lake.

A. Murad suggested planting trees at Mobus by the playground or adding mesh covers to protect children from the sun.

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VOUCHERS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

ARF Rental Service, Inc. – Temporary Restroom for Phillip's	\$41.50
The Fibar Group, LLC – 50 Yards Playground Mulch	\$1145.00
Amazon – Tennis Court Rollers	\$166.51

Kids Night Out;

Fred Dealaman Bus Service – "Kid's Night Out" Program	\$225.00
M. Candiloros for Sky Zone Reimbursement – Springfield, NJ	\$152.30

Basketball;

J. Mazzuca – Referee Reimbursement	\$350.00
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ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business M. Onuska called to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm, M. Candiloros second the motion. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 6th, 2018, 7:30PM at Borough Hall, at 15 Mountain Boulevard.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Linda Monetti

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT

May 2, 2018

Kids Night Out; The first "Kids Night Out" program planned had been cancelled due to no registrations. The reservation was changed for the 2nd trip planned from the South Plainfield Sky Zone location to the Springfield location in order to encourage more participation as Springfield is a newer facility. The cutoff date to register needed to be changed in order to run the trip as no students were registered one week prior to the trip. After allowing students to pay at the bus to encourage more participation a total of nineteen students ended up participating and they all had a great time according to M. Candiloros as she was the chaperone for the event. The program was originally offered to 6th through 8th graders but since we didn't have any registration close to the cutoff date we opened the program up to 5th graders. The cost to the Borough for the program was \$131.80. As plans for a bus and reservations for the location need to be reserved prior to a trip it is not favorable to last minute planning and a third trip may not be planned.

Summer Camp; The school year has been extended to June 27th therefore it has been decided that the camp will start on July 2nd instead of June 25th as originally planned. Also the date of the discount rate for registration sign ups has been extended from April 16th to April 30th in order to encourage earlier enrollment as we had very few registrations by April 16th. 48 students have now registered from Watchung with an average of 23 students per week. As of May 1st the camp was available to the Watchung Hills sending district. Brook Hill gave the Borough permission to add a railroad tie border and sand under the tent to help alleviate the water issues in and around the area. They have also agreed to allow the Borough to put in a French drain around the outside of the tent to keep the tent from flooding.

Little League Opening Day; On April 14th parents and players assembled at Valley View School for the parade which started at 8:30am. The Parade was escorted by the Watchung Police, Fire Department and Rescue Squad from Valley View School to Phillip's Field. The event had a good turnout and games followed the opening ceremony. Anthony Ingrassia is the 2018 Little League president.

Community Picnic; The Commission has received \$2550. in donations to date and \$625.00 is promised but has not yet been received. Plans are set to have Fun Services supply the event with a DJ and game host along with a Water Gun trailer and prizes, several amusements, an airbrush artist, a stilt walker and juggler, a cotton candy machine and an Italian Ice cart. Ralph Diem offered to supply the tractor rides. The Boy Scouts will put up the expansion bridge and several vendors offered to bring additional food items to add to what we offer.

Grant Information; The Commission received notice that as there were many applicants for the Summer Expansion Grant and that Watchung was not selected to receive funding at this time.

Yankee Game Trip; Plans have been set for a Yankee vs. Texas Rangers game trip for Sunday, August 12, 2018. 40 Tickets have been reserved for \$63.00 each. Tickets will be sold to the residents for \$75.00. The extra amount will go towards the cost of the bus.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recreation Coordinator